

XIII. VACCINE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

Introduction

Time and costs associated with the performance of vaccine quality improvement services as reported to Code 18 and Code 9F may be included on the automated invoice. The automated invoice will calculate the amount of reimbursement that will be claimed for these activities, and transfer this amount to a separate A-19 for Vaccine Quality Improvement Services. This A-19 will be submitted to the program manager at MAA responsible for these activities, along with a copy of the invoice.

Allowable Activities:

Code 18: Vaccine Quality Improvement/Child Profile

All staff may use this code.

Use when performing activities that do not require skilled professional medical education or training to administer or support the vaccine quality improvement program. Includes paperwork, clerical activities, staff travel or training directly related to performing these activities. Administering immunizations/vaccines and other direct medical care should be reported to Code 1: Direct Patient Care.

Examples include:

- Data entry related to Child Profile, the State immunization registry. Includes paperwork, clerical activities, staff travel or training directly related to performing these activities.
- Routine administrative functions related to ordering and distributing vaccines – filling and tracking orders, distributing vaccines, developing provider agreements, coordinating and performing monthly count of available vaccines, assisting providers to complete the monthly count, and preparing monthly vaccine reports.
- Routine administrative functions related to storing vaccines – tracking vaccine inventory by vaccine type, dose, and manufacturer lot number, package and handling of vaccine.
- Overseeing the contracts and accounting of doses of federally and state-supplied vaccine.
- Conducting routine quality assurance activities such as monitoring of refrigeration temperature logs.

Code 9F: SPMP Vaccine Quality Improvement

Only staff who are Skilled Professional Medical Personnel (SPMP) may use this code when their skilled professional medical education and training are required to perform the activity.

Includes *SPMP Vaccine Quality Improvement* activities performed by Skilled Professional Medical Personnel that oversee and coordinate the medical aspects of vaccine programs in local health jurisdictions.

Examples include:

- Developing and monitoring of clinical protocols for storage and handling of vaccine to ensure their quality.
- Clinical monitoring of the handling and distribution of vaccines. Includes site reviews to ensure the medical quality of vaccine administration and of the medical protocols used in vaccine programs.
- Providing and exchanging medical information to or with medical providers to ensure the overall quality of vaccine programs – appropriate uses and dosages, adverse effects, interpretation of medical guidelines, epidemiology, standards of care, and other clinical concerns.
- Recommendations to medical providers to maintain quality vaccine programs, such as handling vaccine storage and administration incidents, such as whether to continue use of vaccine not properly refrigerated and whether to recommend revaccination.
- Administering immunizations/vaccines and other direct medical care should be reported to Code 1: Direct Patient Care.